

# GERMANY SHOWS SIGNS OF HER WILLINGNESS TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL

Raising the Hopes of the Supreme Council for an Early Ratification of the Treaty of Versailles, Perhaps by the End of the First Week in January.

## MORE FAVORABLE NEGOTIATIONS HELD

Allies Promise a More Specific Declaration on the Reduction of the Tonnage Asked For, and Germans May Wait for a Verification of Figures on Harbor Tonnage.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Hopes have again been raised in supreme council circles of an early exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles. The end of the first week in January is given now as the probable date when the treaty will be put into effect.

This prospect springs from the conversation held yesterday between Paul Duta, general secretary of the peace conference, and Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German mission here. It was said to-day that the chances were considered good that the Germans would decide to sign the protocol, now the subject of negotiations, without waiting for verification of the figures on harbor tonnage demanded as reparation for the sinking of the German ships at Scapa Flow.

It is explained that the supreme council will satisfy Germany's demand for a more specific declaration on the reduction of the tonnage asked for, through affixing to the protocol the text of M. Duta's verbal declaration to Baron von Lersner on the subject. The Rhine commission, on which the United States is not as yet represented officially, is expected to meet as soon as practicable after the treaty is promulgated. This commission will have jurisdiction over the territory occupied by the allied troops in the Rhineland, including the American contingent.

The allied military mission dealing with the subject of transporting allied troops to the district where plebiscites are to be held under the treaty reported to the council to-day that satisfactory arrangements had been made with the Germans for the movement of these forces. It is estimated that it will require two weeks to get into Silesia the number of troops it is proposed to send to that plebiscite area.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT RESIGNS.

Burton of University of Minnesota to Go to University of Michigan.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Resignation of Marion L. Burton as president of the University of Minnesota, was officially announced to-day. President Burton wired the local university authorities from Philadelphia that he has accepted an offer to become president of the University of Michigan.

Reports persisted in university circles to-day that Dr. Harry L. Williams, coach of the football team for 20 years, also is to resign to accept a more lucrative offer from an eastern university. Dr. Williams is at New Haven, Conn. Small salaries and shortage of funds at the University of Minnesota are said to be responsible.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 30.—Announcement that Marion L. Burton had been selected to succeed him as president of the University of Michigan, was confirmed this forenoon by President Harry B. Hutchins. Dr. Burton, it was announced, will begin his duties here July 1, next.

Dr. Hutchins tendered his resignation several years ago, but was urged by the regents to continue in office, particularly during the war.

## SEN. PAGE CURTAILS HIS VACATION

In Order to Study the Knight Board's Report on Naval Awards and Other Data Prepared by Sec. Daniels.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Because of the controversy over naval decorations, Chairman Page of the Senate naval committee curtailed his vacation and returned to-day to Washington to confer with other senators as to the advisability of an investigation by the Senate committee. Meantime he will study the Knight board's report on naval awards and other data which Secretary Daniels has prepared at Senator Page's request.

## JOHNSON'S NAME FILED.

As Independent Candidate at the South Dakota Primaries.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 30.—United States Senator Hiram Johnson of California to-day filed with the secretary of state an announcement of his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination. He will be an independent candidate for endorsement at the South Dakota primaries in March.

## FRANCE WILL BE SHORT ON SUGAR THREE YEARS

Because Ravages of War Tore Up the Sugar Beet Land, Made Part of Land Unfit for Cultivation, and Destroyed Equipment.

Soissons, France, Dec. 30.—The sugar shortage in France, due to the German invasion, will not be relieved for three years, according to government reports and commercial statistics furnished to the correspondent of the Associated Press to-day by the authorities who arranged his trip of inspection through devastated regions to witness reconstruction work.

Of the country's 206 new sugar plants, 140 virtually were raised during the war, the figures show, and most of the half million acres of sugar beet land were devastated by the ravages of battle.

None of the large sugar plants has resumed operation because of lack of buildings, and sugar beet production this year was said to be almost nil. At the present time, the absence of sugar in France has resulted in persons holding sugar cards being unable to get any of the commodity for weeks at a time.

Raising of sugar beets virtually has ceased in six of the eight beet raising departments, due to the churning of the ground by shell explosions, the necessity of clearing away unexploded ammunition and the presence of barbed wire and other debris. About one-twentieth of the land is declared to be useless for many years and at least one-third is declared to have suffered depreciation of half its value. The loss in land is in addition to the destruction of buildings and the stripping or removal of machinery.

Direct loss to plants in the sugar industry is estimated by the chamber committee to be 675,000,000 francs.

## POLISH ARMY BARS WAY TO BOLSHIEVISM

Nation's Entire Forces are Marshaled Along the Russian Frontier to Prevent Spread.

Rome, Monday, Dec. 29.—Poland has her entire army marshaled along the Russian frontier to form a barrier against the western spread of bolshevism, according to an interview with Cardinal Primate, archbishop of Warsaw, Krakow, in the Corriere della Sera. The cardinal says, however, that Polish detachments are too weak to withstand the pressure from the east, which he says may last from 20 to 25 years.

"Bolshevism is not understood, even by Socialists," says the cardinal. "Socialists identify bolshevism as maximalism, which is a great mistake. Maximalism is a positive program of government aiming to the securing of the maximum claims of the proletariat. Bolshevism, instead, has no positive aim, its program being merely a negative one, namely to destroy everything, like traditional Russian nihilism. The only ideal of bolshevism is the brutal blindness of ignorance. One of the most common cries of the bolshevik is: 'Down with all who know how to read and write.'"

"France and Italy understand our situation," he continues, "but England does not understand so well."

## IRISH POLICE STATION RAIDED AND BURNED

Only a Sergeant's Wife Was in Charge, and She Was Forced to Leave Without Her Clothing.

Killdysert, County Clare, Ireland, Dec. 30.—The police barracks at Lissycase, near here, were raided and burned to the ground Sunday night. All the police were absent on duty, and a sergeant's wife was in charge. She was forced to leave hurriedly, not being allowed to collect her wearing apparel or other belongings.

## DROPPED DEAD.

Rear-Admiral John E. Pillsbury, U. S. N., Retired.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Rear-Admiral John E. Pillsbury, retired, dropped dead at his home here to-day. Admiral Pillsbury was born in Massachusetts in 1846 and received a presidential appointment to the naval academy in 1862. He was retired for age with 25 years' sea service to his credit in 1908, having attained the rank of rear-admiral the same year.

During the Spanish war, Admiral Pillsbury commanded the dynamite cruiser Vestal, off Santiago, Cuba.

## WOOD HEADQUARTERS

Established in Chicago Hotel with William C. Proctor in Charge.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Headquarters of the organization promoting the candidacy of Major General Leonard Wood for the Republican presidential nomination to-day was established at the Congress hotel. William C. Proctor, of Cincinnati, took charge of the campaign.

## ORDERS NEW PLEBISCITE.

To Determine the Future Status of City of Fiume.

Rome, Monday, Dec. 29.—Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio has ordered a new plebiscite at Fiume to determine the future status of that city, according to the Epoca. Two plebiscites have already been held in the city.

## WILL RELEASE TWO AMERICANS

Mexico Will Let Learnhard and Martin Go Unconditionally

SAYS OFFICIAL REPORT TO STATE DEPT.

American Consul at Mazatlan Says Men Have Not Been Neglected

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The unconditional release of Harry V. Learnhard and Harry O. Martin, members of the crew of the U. S. S. Pocumuck, arrested at Mazatlan, Mexico, Nov. 12, on the charge of assaulting a Mexican, was promised for to-day, according to a dispatch to the state department from the American consul at Mazatlan.

The consul said there was no basis for press reports that the men had been neglected, as the consul and vice-consul had done everything possible in their interest.

## ROUNDUP OF REDS IN BUFFALO IS ON

Provided with Roster of Communist Party There, the Police Continue Arrests Under Lusk Committee.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Provided with a roster of the communist party here showing a membership of 400, the police to-day began a roundup of all the members not taken in the raid on the organization's headquarters last night under direction of the Lusk investigating committee.

The roundup to-day included Franklin P. Brill, who ran for Congress in 1918, and more than a score of others. The literature seized in the raids is declared to be the most complete taken anywhere in the state and is alleged to show connection with the L. W. N., the Soviet government of Russia. A letter said to be in the possession of the Lusk committee from C. A. K. Martens, self-styled ambassador of the Soviet government, is said to compel the local communists on their "work for the cause."

## GEN. T. F. BARRY DEAD.

Former Commander of Eastern Department Died in Washington.

New York, Dec. 30.—Major General Thomas Barry, former commander of the eastern department, died today at the Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D. C., according to word received at Governor's office.

General Barry was 64 years old and was returned from the army last October 13, at which time he was commander of the central department with headquarters at Chicago. Before that he organized and trained the 88th national army division at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

After his retirement the general came to Washington with Mrs. Barry and was on retired duty here until taken ill. His wife and his son, John, were at his bedside when he died.

General Barry was born in New York and was graduated from the military academy in 1877.

In 1907 General Barry was given command of the army of Cuban pacification and on his return to the United States with his troops in 1909, he was appointed commander of the department of California. In 1910 he was made superintendent of the military academy and later was assigned to command the department of the east.

With other divisional commanders, General Barry was sent to the western front for a tour of inspection after the United States entered the war, and on his return made strenuous efforts to obtain an active divisional command at the front.

Because of his physical condition, however, he was not held to be available for front duty and when his division went overseas he was reassigned to command the central department.

## ONE MAN WOUNDED IN LIQUOR CHASE

And Four Other Men are Held in Jail at Baltimore—Truckload of Liquor Seized.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—One man is in the hospital with a bullet wound in the back and four others are held in jail, after an automobile chase and pistol battle early to-day, which began when those arrested were found with a truckload of liquor. They were chased through the principal downtown streets for half an hour before surrendering.

## Ordered Back to France.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—Four members of the French steamer Dieuze, found guilty of rioting on shipboard, were to-day ordered returned to France at their own expense to serve 15 days in prison there. The order was issued by the French consul here, who tried the case and disposed of it under new jurisdictional authority. The Dieuze is bound from New York for France.

## LEAK EVIDENCE "CONCLUSIVE"

Govt's Case on Supreme Court Decisions Revelation Nearly Completed

WILL BE SUBMITTED TO GRAND JURY

Nature of the Evidence Obtained Has Not Been Disclosed

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Evidence gathered by the department of justice relative to the alleged leak in decisions in the United States supreme court will be submitted to a federal grand jury here in January, it was announced to-day at the department of justice.

The government's case is practically complete, officials said. The nature of the evidence obtained was not disclosed except that officials predicted it would be "conclusive."

Charges that there had been advance information on the decisions of the court in the Southern Pacific oil land case and the prohibition cases through which certain men made large sums in Wall street have been under investigation by the department for two weeks.

## HAVANA POLICE AND CROWD IN CLASH

Thirty-three Persons Were Injured, Several Seriously, During the Progress of Funeral Procession.

HAVANA, Dec. 30.—Thirty-three persons were injured, several seriously, in yesterday's encounter between the police and a disorderly crowd during the progress of a funeral procession through the city, according to an official estimate by the authorities. The gravely wounded include three policemen, one soldier and three laborers.

When the police attacked the crowd, the rush to escape was so disorderly that plate glass windows were broken in many stores along the street, damage amounting to many thousands of dollars resulting.

Fully 200 shots were fired, according to police estimates.

## HAPGOOD RESIGNED TWO WEEKS AGO

Said He Wanted Resignation Accepted "Quickly" So He Could Reply to Charges in Harvey's Weekly.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Announcement was made at the White House to-day that Norman Hapgood, whose appointment as minister to Denmark was not confirmed by the Senate, had tendered his resignation to President Wilson two weeks ago with the request that it be accepted "quickly" so that he could answer charges by Harvey's Weekly that he had sought financial assistance in this country for the Russian Soviet government. The resignation was accepted.

In the view of state department officials, as expressed yesterday, Mr. Hapgood's commission as minister to Denmark expired when the Senate denied his special session last month without action on his nomination. Hapgood requested that he not be given a recess appointment. He returned home several days ago and conferred with Secretary Lansing yesterday to report on the situation in Soviet Russia, as reflected in information reaching him while he was in Copenhagen.

In a formal statement to-day the state department said Mr. Hapgood had "requested that he be not reappointed in order to save the president and the administration from any possible cause of embarrassment."

## NO ACTION ON PETROLEUM.

Mexican Congress Takes to the Delaying Process.

Mexico City, Dec. 30.—Action on the all-important petroleum bill is improbable, according to parliamentary reports. Only two days remain for regular sessions of the Mexican Congress, which adjourns on Dec. 31.

It is believed in official circles that the Chamber of Deputies, to which only pending petroleum legislation has been presented, will take some sort of action before adjournment.

There is little prospect of action until the autumn of 1920, when the new Congress convenes, unless the president convokes an extraordinary session next spring. It is generally believed this will not happen.

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## OPPOSES FINDINGS OF CONFERENCE

Luther C. Steward, President of the National Federation of Federal Employees, States Opposition.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Opposition to recommendations of the president's industrial conference was expressed today by Luther C. Steward, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, which he said, was assisting to rebuild the government machinery on a businesslike basis and expected fair treatment, "not oppressive measures," in return.

"Our right to affiliate with our fellow workers as an essential principle of human freedom, and we cherish it accordingly," Mr. Steward continued. "It would be well to consider, furthermore, that any proposal to sever the connection of government workers with the American Federation of Labor would be the cause of an overturn of three-fourths of the personnel of the government service."

Mr. Steward said the federation's constitution prohibited strikes.

## ENOUGH HEAT IN AIR TO REPLACE FUEL.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—Heat energy of the atmosphere is sufficient to replace fuel for all purposes, according to a paper H. H. Platt of Philadelphia read at the convention to-day of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He urged that scientists to use their energies to bring about means of abstracting the fuel, so as to relieve coal-oppressed humanity.

## FIVE PLEADED NOT GUILTY

When Arraigned in Chicopee, Mass., in Poisoned Liquor Cases

MEN WERE BROUGHT FROM NEW HAVEN

No More Deaths Were Reported To-day in the Affected Area

Chicopee, Mass., Dec. 30.—Five men brought here last night from New Haven, where they had been arrested charged with manufacturing wood alcohol "whiskey," were arraigned in police court to-day charged with murder. All pleaded not guilty and they were held without bail for a hearing Jan. 3.

The men are Frank Suiello, alias Lucibello, but in this state of the poisonous substitute for whiskey which has caused many deaths. Seventeen men were in custody, nine in this city, five in Hartford, two in Thompsonville and one in Stamford.

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The cases of the four men held in Hartford on charges of murder are scheduled to come up in court there to-morrow. In addition, one of the quartet, Frank Rose, has been made defendant in a suit for \$25,000, brought by the widow of one of the liquor victims in that city.

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## STATE BUDGET GROWS

Because of Increased Cost of Materials for State Buildings.

Gov. P. W. Clement stated this morning that the Vermont budget committee would be ready in a few days to issue a report. The committee held a conference some weeks ago and made up the budget for the state expenses the coming year. There has been a marked increase in the expenditures in the last year, due to the increase in articles that have to be bought for the state institutions; but Governor Clement said that these will not be double what they were a year ago, as some would expect, and that the state's expenditures have been able to keep within their appropriations in almost every instance.

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## SPAULDING GRADUATE MARRIED.

Miss Ella May Hoyt the Bride of Archie Leon Goodrich.

A pretty little wedding occurred Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoyt, Maple Hill farm, Perkinsville, when their daughter, Ella May, was united in marriage to Archie Leon Goodrich of Rutland. Rev. W. B. Davenport of Springfield performed the ceremony in the presence of a few of the immediate relatives and friends, using the double ring service. Dinner was served to the guests shortly after 1 o'clock, followed by the ceremony.

The bride was gowned in white satin and bouquet and carried a bouquet of brides' roses.

The parlor was decorated with evergreens and red poinsettias, and as the bride couple, who were unattended, entered the room, the wedding march, the "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin," was played softly by Miss Ruth Thompson of Springfield.

After receiving the congratulations of their friends, as well as many beautiful wedding gifts, Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich left for a short trip.

The bride was educated in the schools of Barre, graduating from Spaulding high school in the class of 1915. For the past year she has held a position in the drafting room of the Bryant, Clark & Gridding company of Springfield.

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## STILL A CHANCE TO TAKE LONG CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Although the Case Does Not Appear on the Docket for the January Term Just Published.

The Vermont supreme court docket does not show the case of State vs. George A. Long, who was in November found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Lucia C. Broadwell, and sentenced to the state prison for the